

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system for permitting a user to access data on a legacy system and an intranet, comprising:
 - a systems interface coupled to the legacy system,
 - wherein the systems interface comprises at least one network address that can be accessed by a computer,
 - wherein the systems interface comprises a first server for managing protocol regarding the computer ~~and~~ interfacing with a second server for generating transactions regarding the legacy systems,
 - ~~and wherein~~ while the computer is initially and persistently logged on to the systems interface, the systems interface is adapted to direct communications from the computer from the at least one network address to a separate network address corresponding to the intranet that is distinct from the legacy system upon detecting that the user has launched a browser on the computer by the first server for managing protocol bypassing the second server by directing the communications from the computer directly to the intranet; and
 - wherein further, the computer is in communication with both the at least one network address and the separate network address such that communication with the legacy systems and the intranet is maintained concurrently.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer communicates with the systems interface over a wireline communications network.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer communicates with the systems interface over a wireless communications network.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one network address, comprises a first IP address corresponding to the first server and a second IP address corresponding to the second server, and wherein the separate network address comprises a third IP address.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the systems interface detects that the user has launched a browser by receiving a message from the computer.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the systems interface detects that the user has launched a browser by receiving a request to transfer to the separate network address corresponding to the intranet.
7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein communications from the computer are directed from the systems interface to the intranet comprises the second server sending a command to the first server to direct the computer to the separate network address by bypassing the second server.
8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer is running application-specific client software to enable the computer to access the information from the legacy system, wherein the computer is logged onto the systems interface using the application-specific client software, and wherein, following the directing, the computer remains logged onto the systems interface and the application-specific client software remains an active application.
9. (Currently Amended) A system for permitting a user to access data, comprising:
a computer operable by the user to access information from a legacy system; and
means for providing an interface between the computer and the legacy system, the means having at least a first network address, the means including at least one protocol server that provides an interface to at least one transaction server that is in direct communication with the legacy system, and
wherein the means for providing an interface is adapted to direct communications from the computer from the first network address to a second network address providing access to an intranet, while the computer is initially and persistently logged on to the interface, that is distinct from the legacy system in response to the user launching a

browser by the protocol server bypassing the transaction server by directing the communications from the computer directly to the intranet and

wherein further, the computer is in communication with both the first network address and the second network address such that communication with the legacy systems and the intranet is maintained concurrently.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the computer communicates with the means for providing an interface over a wireline communications network.

11. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the computer communicates with the means for providing an interface over a wireless communications network.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the at least one protocol server provides an interface between the computer and the at least one transaction server, and wherein the at least one transaction server receives requests and generates legacy system transactions.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the means for providing an interface issues at least one command in response to detecting that the user has launched the browser, wherein the at least one command causes the at least one protocol server to direct communications from the computer from the first network address to the second network address.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing data, comprising:

logging a computer onto a systems interface, initially and persistently, that permits remote access of legacy data of a legacy system, the systems interface including a protocol server that provides an interface to a transaction server that is in direct communication with the legacy system;

accessing the systems interface at a first network address;

launching a browser, wherein the browser is launched by a user of the computer;

and

while remaining initially and persistently logged on, accessing an intranet that is distinct from the legacy system at a separate network address by the protocol server bypassing the transaction server by directing communications directly to the intranet upon detecting the user launching a browser and

wherein further, the computer is in communication with both the first network address and the separate network address such that communication with the legacy systems and the intranet is maintained concurrently.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the computer is logged onto the systems interface over a wireline communications network.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the computer is logged onto the systems interface over a wireless communications network.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method for permitting a user to access data, comprising:
authenticating a computer attempting to log onto a systems interface to legacy systems;

providing initial and persistent access to the systems interface, the systems interface corresponding to at least one network address and including a protocol server providing an interface to a transaction server that is in direct communication with the legacy systems;

detecting an attempt to access an intranet that is distinct from the legacy systems, wherein the attempt comprises a user launching a browser;

determining whether to grant the computer access to the intranet; ~~and~~

directing communications from the computer from the systems interface to a separate network address corresponding to the intranet by the protocol server bypassing the transaction server by directing communications directly to the intranet; and

communicating with both the at least one network address and the separate network address such that communication with the legacy systems and the intranet is maintained concurrently.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the systems interface comprises a first server having a first network address and a second server having a second network address, wherein the first server provides a protocol interface between the computer and the second server, and wherein the second server processes requests and generates legacy transactions.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of determining comprises confirming that a user of the computer is logged into the systems interface.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for permitting a user to access data by employing a computer to access information from legacy systems, wherein the computer executes application-specific client software to access the information from legacy systems, wherein the computer includes a browser that can be launched by the user to initiate an attempt to access an intranet at a separate network address, the system comprising:

a systems interface to the legacy systems, the systems interface including a protocol server and a transaction server, the protocol server having a first network address and the transaction server having a ~~second~~ separate network address, wherein the protocol server is adapted to determine whether to grant the user access to the intranet that is distinct from the legacy systems in response to detecting that the user has launched the browser, and wherein the protocol server is capable of issuing at least one message to cause communications from the computer to be routed from the first network address to the separate network address by bypassing the transaction server at the second network address when access is granted, and wherein the application-specific client software remains an active application after access to the intranet is granted.